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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

In response to the *Interview Summary* dated November 17, 2008 and pursuant to MPEP §713.04, Applicants respectfully submit this Statement of Substance of Interview. A formal response to the Office Action has been submitted concurrently herewith.

STATEMENT

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Hamo for accommodating our request for an Interview to discuss the present application. The Interview was held via telephone on November 6 and November 17, 2008 between Examiner Patrick HAMO, Mr. Devon Kramer (Examiner Hamo's Supervisor) and Applicant's representative Mr. Pedro A. Rojas (Reg. No. 63,008).

Turning now to the Interview, in substance, on November 6, 2008 Mr. Rojas briefly explained to Examiner HAMO the technical concepts of the claimed subject matter, as recited in claim 1, and pointed out to the features believed to patentably distinguish claim 1 over the cited references (U.S. Patent No. 3,211,362 to Laskey *et al.* and U.S. Patent No. 6,503,069 to Moroi *et al.*). In addition, Mr. Rojas presented a proposed amendment to claim 1. Examiner Hamo was amenable to Applicants' proposed amendment and agreed that such amendment would appear to overcome the references of record. On November 17, Mr. Rojas contacted Examiner Hamo to address minor grammatical changes to the amendatory language agreed on November 6. Examiner Hamo indicated that these minor changes would be proper and that any further action on this application would require consideration of the amended claims upon filing of a formal response including the proposed amendments. A formal response is being filed concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted, MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

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